



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

**MINUTES**

September 9, 2021, 5PM

Members present: Meagan Benetti, Zoe Iacovino, Ona Ferguson, Laura Pitone, Beverly (Bev) Schwartz, Lucas Schaber, William (Bill) White, Kat Rutkin, Jessica Lieberman

Members not present: Ben Echevarria, Emily Monea, Crystal Turner

Staff attending: Anna Corning, Hope Williams, Collins Center - Elizabeth Corbo, Collins Center - Steve McGoldrick, Collins Center - Marilyn Contreas

Other attending: Barry Rafkind, Currie Joya Huntington, Jamie Perconti, Klaus Schultz, Philip H., Bill Valletta

Meeting started at 5:05PM

**Decisions:**

1. Committee approved minutes from 8/26
  - a. Eight 5s

*The committee uses the Fist to Five method of voting, a technique for gauging consensus. Voting ranges from 0 to 5. The scale is: 0 - no way, 1 - major issues to be resolved now, 2 - minor issues to be resolved now, 3 - minor issues to be resolved later, 4 - comfortable with this as it is, 5 - love this and will champion it. 0-2 is considered a lack of consensus, while 3-5 is considered consensus.*

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1. Welcome 5:04
  - a. Anna welcomed the committee and community members.
2. Approved 8/26 Minutes 5:08
  - a. Meeting minutes from 8:26 were approved.
3. Public Comment 5:10
  - a. Committee heard no public comments.
4. Collins Center - Finance Wrap-Up and Elections and Nominations Exemplar Language 5:15
  - a. Article 6: Finance

- i. Committee discussed Article 5, specifically section 46d, in the previously revised language.
  - b. Article 7: Elections and Nominations
    - i. Committee went through exemplar language on Nominations and Elections with Marilyn of the Collins Center.
    - ii. Committee questions included: what are the ways the committee could implement Ranked Choice Voting, if the committee decides? How are precincts and wards decided, and by whom?
5. Community Engagement Update 6:40
  - a. Zoe presented an after Kick-Off summary, which can be found [here](#). Zoe also explained that the committee plans to bring on a consultant to run the community meetings. The meetings will be:
    - i. September 28 5pm - Mayor, City Council, School Committee
    - ii. October 13 6pm - Administrative Organization and Finance
    - iii. October 16 3pm - Nominations and Elections
    - iv. November 1 6pm - Citizen Participation Mechanisms
6. Coordinating Team Update 6:50
  - a. Bev from the Coordinating Team asked who would like to join the team as a rotating member, and Jessica volunteered. Libby of the Collins Center explained that the majority of the interviews have been completed.
7. Anna thanked everyone and reminded the committee of the next meeting: Thursday, September 23rd at 5pm.

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